

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 932

By Herron

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Dr. Richard D. Chesteen, Sr.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Dr. Richard Dallas Chesteen, Sr.; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chesteen was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chesteen leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Richard Chesteen served with acumen and alacrity as professor of political science at the University of Tennessee at Martin until his retirement in 2007, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chesteen served as a scholar, mentor, role model, and friend to the countless students he taught during his career; and

WHEREAS, the insights into the American political system that he gave in the classroom are rivaled only by the real-world example he set as a dedicated public servant, and his career was a living demonstration of the fact that democracy is not an antiquated idea to be learned in the classroom, but something that should be lived and experienced in daily life; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chesteen was wholly committed to living the examined life and his professional and personal lives were equally marked with honor, distinction, compassion, and a burning desire to inspire others to partake of all the amenities democracy offers, and he was just as ready to meet all the duties and responsibilities of being free; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chesteen was also deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Chesteen enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Gloria Chesteen and was the proud father of Richard "Rick" Chesteen, Jr., with wife, Penny, and Jennifer Aldridge, with husband, Brian; and

WHEREAS, he was also the proud grandfather of Drew, Angela, Josh, and Chase; and

WHEREAS, across the years of his illustrious life, Dr. Chesteen demonstrated the utmost professionalism, ability, and integrity, winning the unbridled respect and admiration of his colleagues, his community, and his students alike; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Dr. Richard Dallas Chesteen, Sr., reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his superlative service to civic and political education in order to enrich our society and protect the democratic freedoms that all Americans so enjoy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Dr. Chesteen.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.